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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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KIDSNET New Users

KIDSNET welcomes Women and Infants Audiology, and Rhode Island School for the Deaf's Audiologist, School Nurse Teachers, and Family Guidance Program. We also welcome the WIC Programs at Family Health Services – Cranston and Coventry.

Immunization and Vaccine Updates

Rotateq (rotavirus vaccine) is now available with your regular monthly orders. Rotavirus vaccine is administered orally at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. For more information see:

http://www.health.ri.gov/family/immunization/vac_update060612.php

MMRV (MMR and Varicella combination) vaccine is also available with regular monthly orders. Like varicella, MMRV is shipped directly to provider offices, as it must be kept frozen. For more information see: http://www.health.ri.gov/family/immunization/vac_update060612.php

Reminder: Daily vaccine refrigerator/freezer temperature logs must be submitted with monthly vaccine orders.

Upcoming Visits to Provider Offices

Enclosed is a flyer detailing the new process for provider site visits from the Immunization Program staff. Please read it carefully.

A New Look for the KIDSNET Immunization Web Page

The Immunization page in KIDSNET now looks slightly different. Based on your suggestions, the vaccine category names in the far left column have been shortened so that up to 5 doses of vaccine and the Next Due column will all appear when utilizing the printer-friendly version (top right corner of the screen).

Some offices have found it useful to print the Immunization page just prior to a scheduled appointment and clip it to the child's Medical file. This allows the provider a quick review of any vaccines that can be administered during the visit and alert them to any that may be past due. It is also an opportunity to identify any doses of vaccine that may not have been reported to KIDSNET. If you discover any doses of vaccine that have not been previously reported or have been entered into the database incorrectly, please send a copy of the immunization record to KIDSNET and the KIDSNET data entry staff will make the corrections.

Immunization Report

In the month of June, the following 13 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: Pediatric Associates, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Dr. Dierolf at Aquidneck Medical Portsmouth, Rainbow Peds Pedi Primary Care, St. Joseph Pediatric Clinic, Fatima Health Center, PRIMA, Dr. Salm at Aquidneck Medical Newport, Chafee Health Center, Family Doctors of East Providence, Central Health Center, Family Medicine Specialist, and Dr. Dante Ramos.

Keep up the good work! Please keep using the reports as a tool to follow up on services your patients need.

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In June 2006, the following 29 pediatric practices used this report: Westerly Pediatrics, Family Treatment Center, Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Everett Wilcox Center, Children's Healthcare Inc., University Pediatrics, Fatima Health Center, Associates in Primary Care Medicine, Lincoln Pediatrics, Narragansett Indian Health Center, Dr. Gary King, Allen Berry Health Center, Dr. Dante Ramos, Capitol Hill Health Center, Cranston – University Medical Group, Wakefield Pediatrics, Dr. Stuart Demirs, Dr. Sharon Gunasti, Family Health Services – Cranston, Bristol County Pediatrics, Central Health Center, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Dr. Marvin Wasser, Chafee Health Center, Dr. Karim Khanbhai, East Greenwich Pediatrics, Dr. Christina Dierolf of Aquidneck Medical Portsmouth, Wood River Health Services, and Kingstown Pediatrics.

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 222-4220. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!

CALLING KIDSNET FOR HELP: 1-800-942-7434

For any questions regarding KIDSNET, from now on you can call a toll free number, as listed above. KIDSNET is now directing its calls to the Department of Health's Family Health Information Line, 1-800-942-7434 for any questions and assistance needed from providers, users and parents. We are currently updating all our materials, web site, etc., to include this toll free line.

The KIDSNET Help Desk (222-4220) will soon be discontinued, so please make sure you save our toll free number in your speed dial or in a safe place to reach us!!